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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE
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SUBJECT: Change to DoDFMR Vol 7A, Chapter 34, Clarification on
the authority of the disposition of pay for captives
(DFAS Item I-44)

Attached is DFAS Interim change 05-00 to modify Chapter 34
of the DoDFMR, Volume 7A.

The purpose of the change is to clarify the authority to
make disposition determinations over pay matters of members held
in captivity as outlined in DoDFMR Vol 7A, Chapter 34 and is
effective immediately. The clarification is based on the recent
experience with providing pay support to three captured United
States Army soldiers.

We have evaluated your comments on the draft proposal of
this change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A. The attached final
version of the change incorporates your comments where
appropriate. Assignment of an interim change number is your
authority to start a procedural modification to facilitate this
change. For the Denver Center, use the attached to initiate the
formal printed change to the DoDFMR and the interim change
message.

Gregory B. Bitz
Director of Finance

Attachment:
As stated

Cc: DASD (MPP) (Comp)
ODGC (F)
DFAS-DE/DG
Service Liaisons
USCG/NOAA/PHS Liaisons

1. Make the following changes to Table 34-1:
 - A) Insert Note at the top of Column "E" after "and has delegated to the".
 - B) At the bottom of the table add Note: "The approving authority pertaining to the disposition of net pay or deposits to the Savings Deposit Program (SDP) for members held captive is the Secretary of the Military Service concerned (or designee)."

AUTHORITY TO MAKE OFFICIAL DETERMINATIONS UNDER THE MISSING PERSONS ACT							
R U L E	A	B	C	D	★E	F	G
	If missing member is	authority to make all deter- minations is vested with the Secretary of the	who has delegated to	authority to make determi- nations of	and has delegated to the (note 1)	authority to make determi- nations	and all such determi- nations
1	Army	Army	the Adjutant General, US Army, Washington DC 20310	status of members, of death, and of essential dates	Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Indianapolis Center, Indianapolis IN 46249-0001	pertaining to facts of dependency and to the initiation, continuance, suspension, or resumption of allotments of pay	are conclusive in the absence of fraud or criminal intent
2	Navy	Navy	Bureau of Naval Personnel, ATTN: CODE PERS-6, Washington DC 20370-5156	status of members and their dependents, of death, of essential dates and facts of dependency			
3	Marine Corps		Head, Personal Affairs Branch, Human Resources Division Manpower Department US Marine Corps, Washington DC 20380-0001				
4	Air Force	Air Force	Cdr, HQ AFPC, 550 C Street West, Randolph AFB TX 78150	status of members and their depen- dents, of death, and of essential dates	Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Denver Center, 6760 E. Irvington Place, Denver CO 80279-3000	pertaining to facts of dependency, starting, stopping, or changing allotments of pay, waiving recovery of erroneous payment or overpayment, and settling accounts of members affected	

★Note: The approving authority pertaining to the disposition of net pay or deposits to the Savings Deposit Program (SDP) for members held captive is the Secretary of the Military Service concerned (or designee).

Table 34-1. Authority to Make Official Determinations Under the Missing Persons Act